

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

The Examiner's comments regarding the arrangement of the specification have been noted. Appropriate headings were included in the application as filed. However, if the applicants have overlooked anything in this regard, the Examiner is requested to advise.

An Abstract has been provided as required.

The claims have been amended to obviate formal objections and to emphasize novel aspects of the invention.

The subject matter of claim 4 has been added to claim 1 with claim 4 being canceled as redundant. Basis for the amendment of claim 1 is found at page 6, line 23 to page 7, line 15 of the specification in addition to claim 4.

Claims 2 and 3 have also been canceled as redundant in view of the indicated amendment of claim 1.

Reference to "capable of" has been retained in claim 1, as amended. This language is thought to be clear and definite, i.e. the claimed conjugate is such that it is able to bind to cellulose.

New claim 11 has been added to separately call for a product wherein the conjugate is, in fact, bound to cellulose. Basis for this claim is found throughout the applicants' disclosure. See, for example, page 7, 1st and 2nd full ¶s and Example 1.

Claim 5 has been amended to include proper Markush language. This is also true for claim 1, as amended.

Claim 5 has also been amended by deleting the matter in parentheses and the references to “such as” and “particularly”.

Claim 9 has also been amended to delete references to “such as” and “eg”.

The dependence of claims 6-8 and 10 has also been corrected.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the claim objections and the Section 112, 2nd ¶ rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and comments. As presented, the claims, including new claim 11, are thought to be in acceptable form and otherwise allowable.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1-3 and 6 as anticipated by JP 61155307. The reference does not disclose or suggest the applicants’ invention, particularly as defined by the amended claims.

It is noted that claim 4 was not included in the Examiner’s Section 102(b). The amendment of claim 1 to include the substance of claim 4 should, therefore, obviate the Section 102(b) rejection. The Examiner is, therefore, requested to reconsider and withdraw the Section 102(b) rejection.


For similar reasons, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the Section 103(a) rejection of claims 1-3 based on Wise et al, EPA No. 439,373. The Examiner has recognized that the subject matter of claim 4 is not obvious from Wise et al and, since claim 1 as amended includes this subject matter, the Examiner’s rejection is obviously not applicable. Accordingly, the allowance of all of the applicants’ claims, as amended, is thought to be in order.

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Detailed comment on the Examiner's references is not thought necessary in view of the amendments to claim 1. The simple facts of the matter are that neither of the Examiner's references discloses or suggests the applicants' invention. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration with allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX
Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Abstract of the Disclosure is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 2, 3 and 4 are being canceled without prejudice.

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A polysaccharide conjugate comprising a polysaccharide selected from the group consisting of xyloglucans, glucomannans, mannans, galactomannans, β (1-3), (1-4) glucan and the xylan family incorporating glucurono-, arabino- and glucuronoarabinoxylan, which is chemically or physically attached to a particle carrying perfume, the polysaccharide conjugate being capable of binding to cellulose.

5. (Amended) A conjugate according to claim [4] 1, wherein the polysaccharide is selected from the group consisting of [xyloglucans such as] tamarind seed xyloglucan [(TXG)] and pea xyloglucan; [and galactomannans, particularly low galactose glactomannans, such as] locust bean gum [(LBG)] , enzyme modified guar [(EMG)] , tara galactomannan and cassia galactomannan.

6. (Amended) A conjugate according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the polysaccharide has side chain galactose residues susceptible to oxidation by galactose oxidase.

7. (Amended) A conjugate according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein the particle is physically linked to the polysaccharide.

8. (Amended) A product incorporating a polysaccharide conjugate in accordance with [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1.

9. (Amended) A product according to claim 8, comprising a laundry product [such as] selected from the group consisting of fabric washing product[, eg a detergent product, or] and a fabric conditioning product.

10. (Amended) A method of targeting binding of a particle carrying perfume to cellulose by use of a polysaccharide conjugate in accordance with [any one of claims 1 to 7] claim 1.

New claim 11 is being added.